

**Administrator's Report**  
**Board of Health Meeting of October 25, 2018**  
*Report covers from 10/11-10/24/18*  
*Items requiring Board vote are noted with an asterisk (\*)*

**A. Inspection Report Reviews**

None.

**B. Soil Evaluations / Waiver Explorations – information only**

None.

**C. Septic System Design Plan Reviews**

None.

**D. Septic System Installations/Abandonments (informational only)**

(1) 56 Apple Street, Ellsworth, Map 141, Lot 12

I inspected the installation of the new septic system serving this property. I will need to verify proper grading prior to signing the Certificate of Compliance.

(2) 57 Pond Street, Irving, Map 146, Lot 12

I inspected the installation of the Waterloo Biofilter for the new septic system serving this property.

(3) 19 Middle Road, MacGrath, Map 108, Lot 54

I inspected the installation of the tight tank serving this property. I will need to verify the alarm is functional prior to signing the Certificate of Compliance.

(4) 29 Middle Road, Sisk, Map 108, Lot 28

I inspected the installation of the tight tank serving this property. I will need to verify the alarm is functional prior to signing the Certificate of Compliance.

(5) 46 Robbins Island Road, Ryan, Map 108, Lot 14

I witnessed the abandonment of the cesspool at this property.

(6) 69 Choate Street, McLeod, Map 105, Lot 6

I inspected the installation of the septic tank and leaching area at this property.

(7) 21 Middle Road, Holleran, Map 108, Lot 49A

I inspected the tight tank being installed at this property. I will need to verify the alarm is functional prior to signing the Certificate of Compliance.

(8) 82 Apple Street, Neuffer, Map 141, Lot 13

I inspected the bottom of the leaching area for the septic system serving this property.

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**E. Well Water Supply**

None.

**F. Complaints**

None.

**G. Other**

(1) Essex Shipbuilding Museum\*

The Essex Shipbuilding Museum has requested a variance from the requirement outlined in the 2013 FDA Food Code discussing the need for a “service sink” in their newly built kitchen. Due to limited space and the lack of a floor drain, as well as accessible plumbing, we have discussed an alternate procedure for cleaning the floor and disposing of the wastewater (see attached request from David Brown).

*Recommendation: Discussion. I recommend that the policy outlined in the variance request be made part of their policies and procedures, and that they be allowed to use an alternate procedure for disposing of wastewater after cleaning the floors.*

(2) 175 Conomo Point Road, Mears, Map 108, Lot 30\*

The leaseholders of this property have failed to make any progress on the upgrade of the failed septic system in accordance with the enforcement letter dated December 15, 2016. The current deadline for upgrade is December 31, 2018, and the leaseholders have requested to extend this deadline to April 15, 2019. As the property is seasonal and does not have water available from October 16 through April 15<sup>th</sup> each year, there will be no additional flow to the failing septic system.

*Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Health send a letter to the leaseholders granting an extension of the enforcement deadline through April 15, 2019. This extension is granted with the condition that the property will not be occupied until the failed septic system is abandoned and the property is brought into compliance with Title 5 and local regulations.*

(3) PHEP meeting, Peabody, October 24<sup>th</sup>

I attended the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) on October 24<sup>th</sup>. During this meeting, we discussed the annual requirements for site activation, emergency dispensing site, and facility set up drills that will need to be conducted before March 30, 2019.

*Recommendation: None – informational only.*

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(4) Flu Clinics

We held 2 public flu clinics, at the Senior Center and in the Town Hall during Clam Fest, as well as one flu clinic for first responders only at the Fire Station. Our public health nurse also did several home visits for elderly residents. Another public clinic may be scheduled in the future, based on interest and need.

*Recommendation: None – informational only.*

(5) Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition, Gloucester, October 17<sup>th</sup>

This group met to discuss upcoming events related to reducing youth access to alcohol. From now through the end of the year, all 6 communities in this coalition will be running a “sticker shock” campaign with the assistance of local police departments. This will include social media and other publicity surrounding (actual) stickers to be placed on products that are typically popular with young adults.

*Recommendation: None – informational only*

(6) Drug Take Back Day

Essex is participating again in this semi-annual event, scheduled for Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 1pm at the Fire/Police Station.

*Recommendation: None – informational only.*